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The Honorable Dwight Ink
Acting Administrator
General Services Administration
18th & F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Mr. Ink:

During our recent luncheon, I expressed my gratitude for the excellent support the Agency has received from the National Capital Region of the General Services Administration (GSA) in the design and construction of the new Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Headquarters building in Langley, Virginia. I would like to make particular mention of the work performed by Jerry Shipplett, Gary Lee, and Arthur J. Carlucci.

Jerry Shipplett, from your Planning Division, was our GSA interface during development of the Master Plan and the Environmental Assessment. His expertise enabled us to complete this major undertaking in less than five months and resulted in approval of the project by the National Capital Planning Commission in January 1982.

Gary Lee, the senior construction engineer, has been on the project site for the past year and has continuously exhibited his construction expertise and dedication to getting the job accomplished. Gary exemplifies the work ethic of arrive early and leave late and does so without fanfare or self-adulation. His attention to detail and insistence that the construction contractor do the same has kept the project on schedule and minimized difficulties in the field.

Arthur Carlucci, the GSA Project Executive, has worked with the Agency on this project since August 1982. In fact, this is Art's second time around because he began his GSA career with the construction of the original CIA Headquarters building in the late 1950s. Art's years of experience in construction, his intimate knowledge of GSA procedures, and his ability to work with people, have all been a major factor in the success and timely completion of our project. During the building design effort, Art made over 20 TDYs in 18 months in support of our architect-engineer oversight and organized

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timely on-board reviews by many GSA disciplines. Throughout this design effort, he was able to carefully balance the Agency's unique operational requirements with GSA's standard building requirements. Art has provided a similar wisdom during construction where he has served as an impartial judge of contract requirements, our need for temporary parking, security fences, and operational demands. His actions in response to these needs have always been timely and our existing building has been kept in continuous operation without serious incident during an entire year of construction. This has been accomplished in spite of having three construction contractors on site at the same time, numerous unrecorded locations of existing essential utility systems, and the constant pressure to keep the project on schedule while maintaining tight security control. Art's tireless leadership and dedication is an inspiration for everyone associated with this project.

Every service organization is fair game for the critics who are always ready to take exception with the manner in which service is provided. The General Services Administration has had more than its share of this during the past several years. However, it is the hard-working and dedicated people such as those mentioned above that take the edge from the critical sword and show the true spirit and "can do" attitude that really exists.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harry E. Fitzwater

Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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